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FOR: METHOD FOR THE PREVENTION OF HAZE IN BEVERAGES

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Attached is Form PTO-1449 listing U.S. patents and the enclosed non-U.S. patent documents. The Int'l Search Report (ISR) and Int'l Preliminary Examination Report (IPER) for related Application No. PCT/NL03/00352 are also enclosed.

For the foreign patent JP 53-127896, its relevance to the original claims is indicated in the ISR and IPER. Further, the listed US 4,181,742 appears to be an English language counterpart of the Japanese patent.

In lieu of certification, the fee required under 37 CFR § 1.97(c) is filed herewith.

Applicants also bring to the attention of the Examiner related subject matter in Application Nos. 10/450,022, 10/450,185 and 11/976,575. The Examiner is invited to consider its prosecution history and the prior art of record therein in view of the Federal Circuit's holding in *McKesson Information Solutions v. Bridge Medical* 82 USPQ2d 1865 (Fed. Cir. 2007). To avoid duplicating those materials, reference to the IFW is encou-

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rated but Applicants would be ready to submit paper copies for the Examiner's review if there are particular materials he would prefer to have entered herein.

This Information Disclosure Statement is intended to be in full compliance with the rules, but should the Examiner find any part of its required content to have been omitted, prompt notice to that effect is earnestly solicited, along with additional time under 37 CFR § 1.97(f), to enable Applicants to comply fully. In particular, if any of the listed documents are missing or incomplete, please contact the undersigned.

As provided by 37 CFR §§ 1.97(g) and (h), no inference should be made that this information and the listed references are prior art merely because they have been submitted for consideration. Further, no representation is being made that a search has been conducted or that this statement encompasses all possible material information.

Consideration of the foregoing and enclosures, as well as return of an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 per M.P.E.P. § 609 to confirm consideration of the listed documents, are earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if any further information is needed.

Respectfully submitted,

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